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I submit the following comments:

In particular, I

... Recommend that DWR eliminate all proposed dam projects that violate existing law, have been rejected by Congress, have been judged not cost effective by regulatory agencies, conflict with existing environmental protection and ecosystem restoration goals, and are environmentally destructive. Such projects include the Auburn dam on the American River, the Devils Nose and Middle Bar dams on the Mokelumne River, Shasta dam raise on the Sacramento River, the Sacramento Valley offstream storage projects, the Tehama and Dutch Gulch dams on Cottonwood Creek, and the Nashville dam on the Cosumnes River.

... Urge that the 2003 plan analyze and adopt the water use efficiency, conservation, and reclamation measures proposed in the EWC's blueprint and provide more emphasis on ways to extend the state's existing water supplies, rather than building more dams.

... An independent panel of experts should develop new methodologies to estimate current water usage and future water demand to ensure that the 2003 plan does not over-inflate these figures.

... The new plan should have correct figures for current water usage and future water demand, and use methodologies that ensure that future demand is not over-inflated.

... The 2003 plan should propose effective statewide regulation of groundwater to prevent groundwater depletion and adverse environmental and economic impacts.

... All water development and management proposals must be cost effective and be paid for by those who directly benefit. State taxpayers should not foot the bill to meet local water supply needs or correct problems caused by local mis-management.

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